

European Week – ...And God Created European Woman! May 5 –9, 2014

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Celebrate European Week – May 5-9 with the Miami-Florida European Union Center of Excellence short film festival, featuring short films on European Women!

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About European Short Film Festival

The European Bort Films Tour is back for its fifth edition, with a special programming theme European Women... And God Created European Woman.

An Enriched Tour

The Eurochannel Short Films Tour is already a successful Eurochannel trademark. As a unique event, the tour invites viewers and talented directors on a stirring tour of Europe through short films: directors will be the guides and viewers will be touring through their screens. Almost every European country is represented in this edition of the Eurochannel Short Films Tour - each of whose film is broadcast in its original language and subtitled in English - as an example of its creativity and dynamism.

On the Eurochannel Tour, viewers will discover Europe, hear all its languages, and experience inspiring stories that will move them and invite them to reflect on a wide range of topics. This year, the Tour includes new regions such as Limousin and Auvergne (France), Cork (Ireland), Flanders (Belgium), and Brandenburg (Germany), among others. Also, viewers will be introduced to cinematic adventures from less well-known countries like Serbia and Montenegro, Lithuania, and Bosnia and Herzegovina. Plenty of places to go, plenty of stories to enjoy!

Homage to the European Woman

It is undeniable: humanity would not exist without the presence of women. They gave us birth to all and look after us with their very souls. From Joan of Arc to Margaret Thatcher, Europe has been the birthplace of powerful women who have changed the course of history. The Fifth Edition of the Eurochannel Short Films Tour pays homage to them.

The evolution of the role of women in European society has been an example for the rest of the world. From lending valuable support for their husbands in the medieval days, to aiding their countries as factory workers during the two World Wars, to leading countries, women have kept Europe alive.

Women have also inspired all forms of European art since its very beginnings. The Venus de Milo and Leonardo da Vinci's Mona Lisa, or La Gioconda, among others, are works that represent the women of their time and their importance. In other arts like writing, Sidonie Gabrielle Colette and Madame Bovary have made history, as a writer and character, respectively.

During the Eurochannel Tour, viewers will come across new and experienced filmmakers and cinematic masterpieces paying tribute to women. Men and women alike - such as the established UK-based actress and director Carolina Giammetta, the award-winning Macedonian director Gjorce Stavreski, and the emerging Lithuanian director Lukrecija Vaupsaite - portray aspects of the tender or vivid personality of women.

The 5th Eurochannel Short Films Tour showcases exceptional, award-winning short films that take on that most notorious, most enigmatic, most challenging of all subjects: Woman. We've broken down our selections into four programs, as no single category could hope to capture all the moods and facets of European women: From Women with Love: Films Through Women's Eyes; The Story of Women; Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown; and What Do Women Want.

In this year's line-up, women from all over Europe love and hate, nurture and destroy, build lives and scatter them to the winds. Women fall in love at a closed pool in Czech during a midnight swim, or across the walls of an apartment complex in the Soviet Union. A French woman tries speed dating, and Lithuanian women file charges of heartbreak at the Emotional Police. Elderly Belgian women hope to find romance at a dance, while young Belgian women ponder marriage and motherhood. An old British woman leaves her door open, tempting a stranger to walk through, while an old Spanish woman is pursued by an eager filmmaker. Danish whores bond over a dead customer, and a possessed Irishwoman terrifies her roommate.

Just as there can be no single definition of woman, there is no single style, attitude, genre, or approach in this year's Eurochannel Short Films Tour. Viewers will come across both new and experienced filmmakers, who explore the subject of woman in comedy, horror, romance, drama, experimental film and animation. Women and their contributions to European society are the complex and diverse inspirations for this new edition of the Eurochannel Short Films Tour ... And God created Woman. Follow Eurochannel on a journey to celebrate European women.

See more at: <u>http://www.eurochannel.com/en/Fifth-Eurochannel-Short-Films-Tour-%E2%80%A6And-God-Created-European-Woman.html</u>